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PORTSMOUTH MAN SENTENCED

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE--United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire Tom Colantuono, Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office Mark Trouville and Portsmouth Police Chief Michael Magnant announce that Theodore Hurdle, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, was sentenced today to 24 months in federal prison by United States District Court Judge Steven McAuliffe on drug charges.

Hurdle pleaded guilty before Judge McAuliffe on July 31, 2003, to the distribution of "crack" cocaine. His prison sentence will be followed by three (3) years of supervised release.

Hurdle was arrested on March 19, 2003, as part of a drug sweep in the seacoast area. U.S. Attorney Colantuono said, "This case is part of this office's "Operation Streetsweeper" program, which targets street level drug trafficking in our cities. Working with our federal, state, and local partners, we will continue to target those who sell drugs on our streets."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Mark E. Howard.